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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re application of

Sheldon Tobe

Serial No.

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Group Art Unit

3762

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CUSTOMER NO. 23607

Filed

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For

: STERILE BICARBONATE FREE DIALYSIS CONCENTRATE

SOLUTIONS

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE 220 20th Street S. Crystal Plaza 2, Lobby Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202 U.S.A.

August 13, 2004

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a response to the Office Action of June 28, 2004, now set to expire July 28, 2004, be extended for one month, to and including August 28, 2004.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to withdraw the amount of U.S. \$110.00 from Deposit Account 08-3255 to cover the fee for the one-month extension of time for a large entity. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees authorized for withdrawal for the Extension of Time, please obtain any such deficiency from or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account 08-3255 and advise Applicant's Agent.

Respectfully submitted

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